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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV PRESS COVERAGE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. JULY 22 EDITION OF BOTH "POLITIKA" AND "BORBA" CARRY IDENTICAL TANJUG REPORT ON DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S JULY 21 PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWED BY SHORT NOTE ON PARTY'S DEPARTURE FROM BELGRADE LAST NIGHT. TANJUG REPORT FOCUSES PRIMARILY ON THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S COMMENTS ON CSCE AND THE ONGOING PREPARATORY MEETING HERE BUT ALSO MENTIONS HIS REMARKS ON TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS IN THE US, BILATERAL COOPERATION INCLUDING KRSKO, POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS CARTER AND TITO AND THE ROLE OF YUGOSLAVIA IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

2. ON CSCE TANJUG QUOTES THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AS FOLLOWS:
"I MUST ADMIT THAT I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE INFORMATION THAT I HAVE RECEIVED HERE ABOUT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BELGRADE MEETING OF THE CSCE THUS FAR...VERY GOOD PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE WORKING PROCEDURES FOR THE FALL SESSION
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OF THE CSCE IN BELGRADE."

3. CONTINUING ON CSCE, TANJUG STATES "CHRISTOPHER THEN STRESSED THAT THE WORK ON PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA AS WELL AS ON THE ESTABLISHING OF WORKING PROCEDURES FOR THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE ARE VERY COMPLICATED AND THAT THE WEIGHING OF EVERY FORMULATION AND EVERY WORD IS OFTEN REQUIRED, ALL OF WHICH

TAKES A GOOD DEAL OF TIME. AND THIS SHOWS PRECISELY THAT THERE HAVE BEEN AND STILL ARE A GOOD NUMBER OF DIFFICULTIES IN REACHING A FINAL AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, HE EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT A SOLUTION WILL NONETHELESS BE FOUND BY THE END OF THE MONTH...(CHRISTOPHER) STATED THAT TODAY HE HAD MET WITH THE LEADER OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION VORONTSOV, WITH WHOM HE HAD EXCHANGED VIEWS, ADDING THAT THE MEETING WAS VERY USEFUL... (CHRISTOPHER) STATED THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO PREJUDICE THINGS IN REGARD TO THE DURATION OF THE CONFERENCE, SINCE WITHOUT DOUBT IT WILL LAST HOWEVER LONG IT MAY TAKE TO ARRIVE AT CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTIONS, I.E., THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCLUDING ACT AND NEW SUGGESTIONS FOR CONTINUING ACTIVITY AND FUTURE MEETINGS."

3. ON TERRORIST ACTS IN THE US, TANJUG REPORTS THAT "CHRISTOPHER STATED THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSION OF IT, AND THAT FROM HIS SIDE HE HAD OFFERED ASSURANCES THAT OFFICIAL AMERICAN ORGANS ARE UNDERTAKING MEASURES IN ORDER TO THWART THESE AND SIMILAR TERRORIST ACTS IN THE FUTURE."

4. ON BILATERAL COOPERATION, "CHRISTOPHER STATED THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WAS DEVELOPING WELL AND THAT DURING THE TALKS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THIS COOPERATION WERE DISCUSSED, INCLUDING US DELIVERIES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN YUGOSLAVIA."

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5. ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A TITO-CARTER MEETING, "(HE) STATED THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL TO BOTH COUNTRIES."

6. ON NONALIGNMENT, "CHRISTOPHER STATED THAT FROM HIS SIDE HE HAD STRESSED THAT THE US SHOWS FULL AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF YUGOSLAVIA IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT."

7. TANJUG REPORT MAKES NO MENTION OF OTHER SUBJECTS RAISED DURING PRESS CONFERENCE.

8. BELGRADE TELEVISION EVENING NEWS PROGRAM ON JULY 21 CARRIED BRIEF FOOTAGE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY TOGETHER WITH A BRIEF REPORT ON HIS VISIT AND A CURSORY SUMMARY OF TOPICS DISCUSSED IN BILATERAL AND AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE. SUBJECTS MENTIONED WERE LIMITED TO THOSE ON WHICH TANJUG HAD REPORTED.

9. ON NONALIGNMENT, TV BELGRADE REPORTED THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AS HAVING EXPRESSED HIS "ADMIRATION" FOR YUGOSLAV'S ROLE IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.
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